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Message from the Dean

Catharine Whiteside

The University of Toronto Faculty of Medicine is recognized across Canada and around the world as a leader in health and biomedical research. Our faculty members on campus and across the affiliated hospitals hold over 10,000 research grants and awards. Among public universities in North America, Thomson-Reuters ranks U of T first for research publications and third for citations in the category of Health and Life Sciences.

Earlier this month, the Times Higher Education rankings for 2013-2014 put U of T 20th in the world. In the sub-category of Pre-Clinical, Clinical and Health, the University placed 15th -- a notable move up from last year, when we ranked 22nd. The Times rankings are based on 13 indicators in five areas: teaching, research, citations, industry income/innovation and international outlook. The most recent National Taiwan University ranking placed U of T 8th in the world, and 5th in the category of clinical medicine. The Taiwan rankings are based on 8 indicators across three areas, which measure scientific paper performance: research productivity, research impact and research excellence. May I take this opportunity to thank our outstanding faculty members whose commitment to excellence in research and education enable U of T to rank among the best universities across the globe.

Sponsoring world-class research includes offering opportunities for our faculty and students to hear from and interact with world leading health and biomedical researchers. The University of Toronto and our Faculty are very proud to annually host the Canada Gairdner Symposia and Awards, which will begin this year in Toronto on October 23. The Gairdner Awards are a national treasure with an international reputation. In the last decade, 20 of the 28 Nobel Prize winners in medicine had previously won a Canada Gairdner Award.

The Gairdner lectures are an outstanding opportunity to ask these scholars about their work, and to learn about key issues in health science. This year there will also be symposiums on HVI/STIs, protein structures, and hepatitis C that will feature many of U of T's own leaders in these fields. The details of the three days of presentations are found [here](#).

Please consider attending one or more of these events -- they promise to be a truly enriching academic experience for everyone.

I encourage you to make the most of this opportunity, and join me in welcoming the Gairdner laureates to

Toronto.

Catharine Whiteside, Dean, Faculty of Medicine
Vice-Provost, Relations with Health Care Institutions

IN THE NEWS:

Unlocking the mysteries of hypoglycemic seizures

Understanding Estrogen and its Effect on Cognition

A brain-powered art exhibit at Nuit Blanche

U of T Surgery launches campaign video

If you would like to have a news item, research or education award announcement placed in MedEmail please forward it by e-mail to [Jim Oldfield](mailto:Jim.Oldfield).

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1. Honours and Awards

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Canadian Institutes of Health Research Barer-Flood Prize in Health Services and Policy Research

The Canadian Institutes of Health Research has awarded Dr. **Andreas Laupacis** the Barer-Flood Prize in Health Services and Policy Research. This career achievement award recognizes Dr. Laupacis's outstanding contributions to health care research, policy and care delivery in Canada. Dr. Laupacis is a Professor in the Department of Medicine and the Institute of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation.

Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists & Ontario Society of Occupational Therapists Citation Award

Professor **Mark Nowaczynski** (Department of Family and Community Medicine) was recognized by the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists and the Ontario Society of Occupational Therapists for his work in providing home-based primary care to frail seniors. In 2007, Professor Nowaczynski pioneered House Calls, an interdisciplinary mobile team that serves seniors in their homes.

2. Announcements

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United Nations Secretary-General's Scientific Advisory Board

United Nations Secretary-General Mr. Ban Ki-moon has invited Professor **Abdallah Daar** (Department of Surgery) to become a member of his new Scientific Advisory Board. This prestigious UN board will strengthen global partnerships for sustainable development to provide political leadership grounded in science.

3. Call for Nominations

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Vice Dean, Graduate and Life Sciences Education Faculty of Medicine

Professor **Avrum Gotlieb** will be completing his term as Interim Vice-Dean, Graduate and Life Sciences Education (GLSE) on December 31, 2014, or when a new Vice-Dean is appointed. In accordance with the University of Toronto's "Policy on Appointment of Academic Administrators," a committee has been struck to advise the Dean on the appointment of the Vice Dean. The composition of the committee is as follows:

Cathy Whiteside, Dean, Faculty of Medicine (Chair)

Alison Buchan, Vice-Dean, Research & International Relations

Tom Chau, Vice President, Research, Director, Bloorview Research Institute; Professor, Graduate Department of Rehabilitation Science

Francine Chingcuanco, 4th year Student (Biomedical Toxicology)

Luc de Nil, Vice-Dean, Students, School of Graduate Studies

Jennifer Francisco, Graduate Affairs Administrator, Graduate and Life Sciences Education

Richard Hegele, Chair, Department of Laboratory Medicine and Pathobiology

Stephen Matthews, Chair, Department of Physiology

Jay Rosenfield, Vice-Dean, Undergraduate Medical Professions Education

Peter Roy, Professor, Associate Chair & Graduate Coordinator, Department of Molecular Genetics

Gail Teachman, PhD Student, Graduate Department of Rehabilitation Science

Junyu (Jerry) Zhou, MSc Student, Immunology

The Vice-Dean, GLSE, is responsible for the management and oversight of two major education activities in the Faculty of Medicine - Graduate Education and Undergraduate Education in the Life Sciences including Arts and Science and other interdivisional teaching. GLSE also oversees the activities of the Division of Teaching Labs (DTL) in the Faculty of Medicine. GLSE advocates for graduate and undergraduate students and promotes innovative education in the heart of Canada's largest health care research hub. The Graduate enterprise in the Faculty of Medicine encompasses fifteen graduate units which offer a total of thirty-three graduate degree research and professional programs to over 2600 graduate students. The Faculty of Medicine is also the Faculty Lead for sixteen Collaborative Graduate Programs. Undergraduate Arts and Science education is carried out by the eight Basic Science Departments in the Faculty which also provide enriched mentored hands-on research opportunities.

For detailed information on the Office of Graduate and Life Sciences Education, visit its

website at <http://www.glse.utoronto.ca/>.

The next Vice Dean must have the vision and ability to lead the portfolio to new levels of achievement, particularly in concert with the strategic goals of the Faculty of Medicine. The successful candidate will be a respected educator and recognized scholar who possesses outstanding academic, administrative management, and interpersonal skills and the ability to build collaborative relationships. S/he will have demonstrated successful and innovative leadership in promoting excellence in graduate education and research. The successful candidate will be a senior academic at the rank of full professor with knowledge of professional and doctoral graduate programs in the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Toronto.

Applications, consisting of a letter of interest and accompanying CV, (electronic submission preferred) should be submitted by **Friday, November 1, 2013** to: Dean Catharine Whiteside, c/o Meg Connell, Director of the Office of the Dean, Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto, Room 2109, Medical Sciences Building, 1 King's College Circle, Toronto, Ontario, M5S 1A8; meg.connell@utoronto.ca

Annual Graduate Faculty Teaching Awards

Graduate and Life Sciences Education is seeking nominations for the Annual Graduate Faculty Teaching Awards. There are six awards that honour and celebrate outstanding contributions to graduate education by full-time faculty who teach in doctoral stream or professional graduate programs. Prizes include a framed certificate, a cash prize and formal recognition at the Faculty of Medicine Educational Achievement Event on May 13, 2014.

The nomination deadline is December 6, 2013 (note: each Graduate Department will have an earlier internal deadline).

View more details [here](#). Contact [Debbie Chau](#) for further information.

2012-2013 Continuing Education and Professional Development CE Awards

Continuing Education and Professional Development is accepting nominations for the CE Awards. These eight awards provide an opportunity for Faculty members to be recognized for their outstanding achievement in program development, research, on-line education, teaching excellence, interprofessional health care, innovation, and long-term contributions to continuing education.

1. Colin Woolf Award for Excellence in Teaching
2. Colin Woolf Award for Excellence in Course Coordination
3. Colin Woolf Award for Long-Term Contributions to Continuing Education
4. Fred Fallis Award for Excellence in Online Education
5. David Fear Fellowship
6. Dave Davis Award for Excellence in Research
7. Ivan Silver Award for Innovation in CEPD
8. Interprofessional Healthcare Team Continuing Education Award

The deadline for receipt of all materials supporting nomination(s) is **Monday, December 2, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.**

View more information [here](#).

Direct questions to vashty.hawkins@utoronto.ca

4. Around Campus

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Zebrafish for Personalized/Precision Medicine Conference

St. Michael's Hospital's Zebrafish Centre for Advanced Drug Discovery is proud to present the inaugural Zebrafish for Personalized/Precision Medicine Conference. The conference brings together scientists specializing in biological and medical research to accelerate the translational process of zebrafish-based knowledge to clinical applications. The conference will look at generations of more predictive "humanizing" disease models, dissection of disease mechanisms and discovery of new disease treatment methods.

Date: October 16 to 18, 2013

Location: Li Ka Shing Knowledge Institute, St. Michael's Hospital

View more event information [here](#).

Global Health Symposium and Gala Dinner

The University of Toronto and Addis Ababa University will celebrate 10 years of the Toronto Addis Ababa Psychiatry Project (TAAPP) and the first five years of the Toronto Addis Ababa Academic Collaboration (TAAAC).

Date: November 8, 2013

Symposium Location: Hart House

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Gala Dinner Location: Arcadian Loft, Simpson Tower, 401 Bay Street, Toronto

Time: 6:30 p.m.

View more information [here](#).

Complex Data and Analytics in Medical Research

This one-day symposium is geared toward researchers, faculty, and professionals in technology, medicine, and health care. The event will feature six renowned speakers on complex data and analytics, in discussions on the latest advances.

Date: October 22, 2013

Location: Metropolitan Hotel in Toronto, 108 Chestnut Street

View details [here](#).

Canadian Science Policy Conference

CSPC 2013 brings together professionals from academia, government, industry, and not-for-profit organizations to examine key policy challenges in science and innovation. Under the motto "ScienceNext: Incubating Innovation and Ingenuity," the conference will explore themes of private sector R&D, international trade and diplomacy, science communication, graduate study and researcher training in Canada.

Register now to take advantage of discounted early-bird rates, and special rates for students: <http://www.cspc2013.ca>. For more information, contact info@sciencepolicy.ca or follow @sciencepolicy on Twitter.

Date: November 20 - 22, 2013

Location: Toronto Allstream Centre, 105 Princes' Blvd.

How to Present with Impact

This interactive workshop, tailored for Faculty of Medicine students, will provide the skills to deliver a compelling talk, defend a thesis, impress in an interview, and get hired. Participants will be able to develop and present a three-minute research talk impressively, confidently, powerfully, and compellingly.

Date: October 25, 2013

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Location: UofT's OISE Building (Room 2286), 252 Bloor Street West, Toronto

RSVP: <http://mymarketability.com/events>

Note: Event organizers will record then distribute talks after the workshop for ongoing skill development.

Department of Physiology's Charles H. Best Lectureship and Award

The Department of Physiology is hosting its 10th Charles H. Best Lectureship and Award celebration. Endowed by Dr. John K. and Mary E. Davidson, this lectureship honours Dr. Best, a co-discoverer of insulin and former Chairman of the Department of Physiology.

Speaker: Dr. Marc Montminy, Professor, Clayton Foundation Laboratories for Peptide Biology, Salk Institute for Biological Studies, California

Title: "Role of CREB and the CRTC Family of Coactivators in Glucose Homeostasis"

Date: October 28, 2013

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Location: Bahen Centre Auditorium, room 1130, 40 St. George Street, U of T.

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RESEARCH GRANTS

- CIHR/Canadian Gene Cure Foundation - Champions of Genetics
- CIHR Chair: GlaxoSmithKline Partnered
- CIHR Knowledge Synthesis Grants
- CIHR - Maud Menten New Principal Investigator Prizes
- Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario - 2013 Personnel Awards
- NSERC CREATE: NSERC/German Research Foundation
- Ontario Mental Health Foundation
- Pediatric Oncology Group of Ontario (POGO)
- Physicians' Services Inc. Foundation - Research Grants
- Prostate Cancer Canada - Movember Discovery Grants

~ Our congratulations to all! ~

UPCOMING AWARD DEADLINES

October

OMHF John Dewan Prize

November

Canadian Cancer Society Awards for Excellence

Canadian College of Neuropsychopharmacology Awards

Canadian Society for Atherosclerosis, Thrombosis and Vascular Biology Scientific Excellence Award

Canadian Society for Clinical Investigation Awards

Hamdan International Awards

Ho-Am Prize

Jonas Salk Award

Warren Alpert Foundation prize

December

Manning Awards

Royal Society of Canada Fellowship

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The submission deadline for the next issue of MedEmail (to be published on Wednesday, October 30, 2013) is Wednesday, October 23, 2013.



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